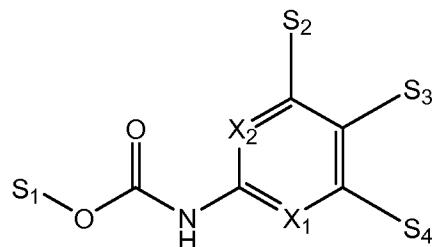


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. In the amended claims, additions are shown as underlined and deletions are shown as ~~struck through~~ or in the case of five or few characters as [[double brackets]].

1. (Withdrawn) A method of inhibiting bacterial growth comprising contacting a bacterium with an effective amount of one or more compounds having the structure:



wherein

- a) X_1 and X_2 are CH or N, and at least one of X_1 and X_2 are N;
- b) S_1 is an organic radical comprising 1 to 8 carbon atoms;
- c) S_2 , S_3 , and S_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, amino, halogen, or one or more organic radicals comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms;
- d) or a salt thereof.

2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the bacterium is antibiotic resistant.
3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the bacterium is gram positive.
4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, wherein the gram positive bacterium is selected from the group consisting of: *M. tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. typhimurium*, *M. bovis* strain BCG, BCG substrains, *M. avium*, *M. intracellulare*, *M. africanum*, *M. kansasii*, *M. marinum*, *M. ulcerans*, *M. avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Staphylococcus equi*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Listeria ivanovii*, *Bacillus anthracis*, *B. subtilis*, *Nocardia asteroides*, and other *Nocardia* species, *Streptococcus viridans*

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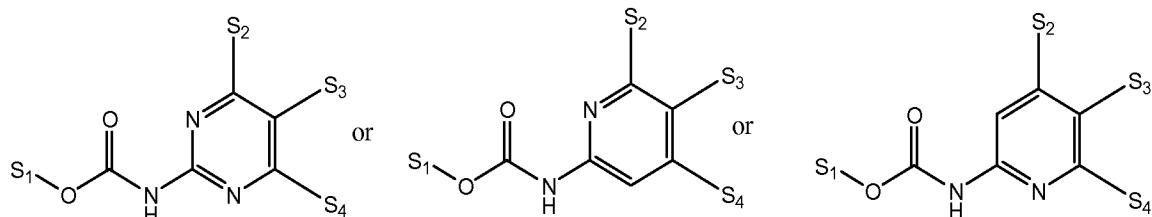
group, *Peptococcus* species, *Peptostreptococcus* species, *Actinomyces israelii* and other *Actinomyces* species, and *Propionibacterium acnes*.

5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the bacterium is gram negative.
6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the gram negative bacterium is selected from the group consisting of: *Clostridium tetani*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium botulinum*, other *Clostridium* species, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, other *Pseudomonas* species, *Campylobacter* species, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Ehrlichia* species, *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, *Pasteurella haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, other *Pasteurella* species, *Legionella pneumophila*, other *Legionella* species, *Salmonella typhi*, other *Salmonella* species, *Shigella* species *Brucella abortus*, other *Brucella* species, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Chlamydia psittaci*, *Coxiella burnetti*, *Escherichia coli*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoea*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*, other *Hemophilus* species, *Yersinia pestis*, *Yersinia enterolitica*, other *Yersinia* species, *Escherichia coli*, *E. hirae* and other *Escherichia* species, as well as other *Enterobacteria*, *Brucella abortus* and other *Brucella* species, *Burkholderia cepacia*, *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Fudobascterium nucleatum*, *Provetella* species, and *Cowdria ruminantium*.
7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the compound is used in conjunction with a permeability enhancer, wherein the permeability enhancer allows the compound to cross the cell envelope of the bacterium.
8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein the permeability enhancer is selected from the group consisting of polymyxin B, surface active agents, defensins, other membrane active peptides and chelating agents.
9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further comprising contacting the bacterium with a permeability enhancer.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9, wherein the permeability enhancer is selected from the group consisting of polymyxin B, surface active agents, defensins, other membrane active peptides and chelating agents.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has a molecular weight of less than about 500 grams per mole.

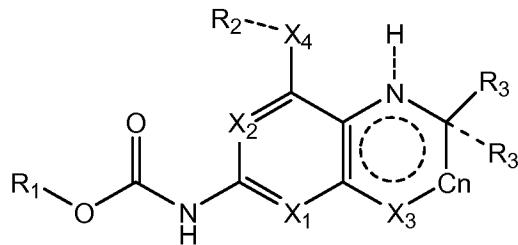
12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein

- a) S₁ is an alkyl group comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
- b) S₂ is a halogen, amino, hydroxy, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms selected from alkyl, alkoxy, monosubstituted amino, or disubstituted amino;
- c) S₂ and S₃
 - (i) are independent substituents that can be independently selected from a halogen, amino, hydroxy, or an organic radical comprising 1-26 carbon atoms, or
 - (ii) together form a heteroaryl or heterocyclic radical comprising 5, 6, or 7 ring atoms, optionally substituted with 1, 2, or three ring substituents selected from halogen, amino, or organic radicals comprising 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:

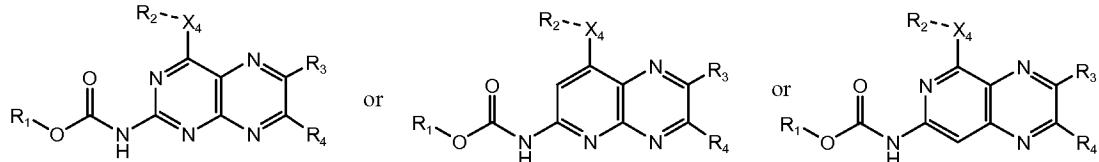


wherein

- a) X_1 and X_2 , are CH or N, and at least one of X_1 and X_2 are N;
- b) X_3 is CH, N, NH, O, or S,
- c) X_4 is a halogen, oxygen, sulfur, or phosphorus atom, amino, NH, or an organic radical comprising 1-26 carbon atoms,
- d) R_1 is an alkyl radical comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
- e) R_2 is an optional radical selected from hydrogen, amino, halogen, or one or more organic radicals comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms,
- f) R_3 and an optional R_3' radical that may be present or absent are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms,
- g) C_n comprises one or two optional ring carbon atoms, wherein each optional ring carbon atom has one or two substituent radicals independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, amino, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



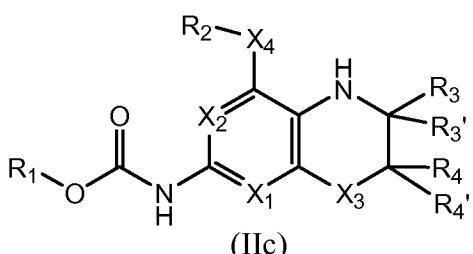
wherein

- a) R_1 is an alkyl group comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms,
- b) R_2-X_4 is an amino or a mono-substituted amino radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms,

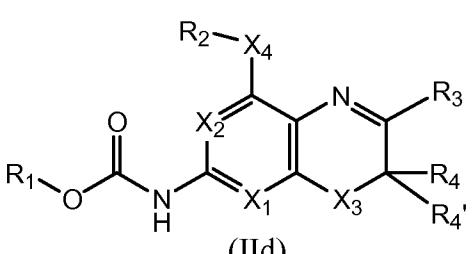
c) R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 12 carbon atoms,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15, wherein R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, alkyl or alkoxy radicals comprising 1 to 18 carbon atoms, aryl radicals comprising 6 to 18 carbons, or heteroaryl radicals comprising 1 to 18 ring carbons.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



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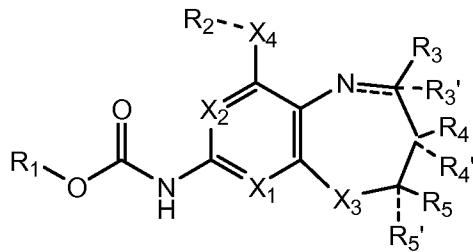


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wherein

- a) X_1 and X_2 , are CH or N, and at least one of X_1 and X_2 are N;
- b) X_3 is CH, N, NH, O, or S,
- c) X_4 is a halogen, oxygen, sulfur, or phosphorus atom, amino, NH, or an organic radical comprising 1-26 carbon atoms,
- d) R_1 is an alkyl radical comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
- e) R_2 is selected from hydrogen, amino, halogen, or one or more organic radicals comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms.
- f) R_3 , R_4 , R_3' , R_4' , radicals are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

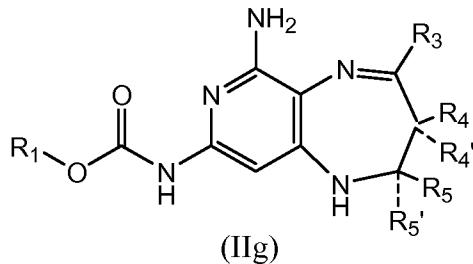
17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein

- a) X_1 and X_2 , are CH or N, and at least one of X_1 and X_2 are N;
- b) X_3 is CH, N, NH, O, or S,
- c) X_4 is a halogen, oxygen, sulfur, or phosphorus atom, amino, NH, or an organic radical comprising 1-26 carbon atoms,
- d) R_1 is an alkyl radical comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
- e) R_2 is an optional radical selected from hydrogen, amino, halogen, or one or more organic radicals comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms.
- f) R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , and the optional R_3' , R_4' , and R_5' radicals are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

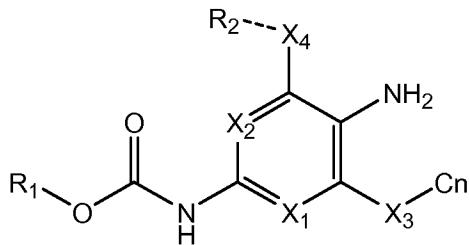
18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



wherein

- a) R_1 is an alkyl radical comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
- b) the R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_3' , and R_5' radicals are independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the structure:



- a) X_1 and X_2 , are CH or N, and at least one of X_1 and X_2 are N;
- b) X_3 is CH, N, NH, O, or S,
- c) X_4 is a halogen, oxygen, sulfur, or phosphorus atom, amino, NH, or an organic radical comprising 1-26 carbon atoms,
- d) R_1 is an alkyl radical comprising 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
- e) R_2 is an optional radical selected from hydrogen, amino, halogen, or one or more organic radicals comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms.
- f) Cn is hydrogen, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the compound has the formula:

- a) [5,6-Diamino-4-(2-hydroxy-1-methyl-3-phenoxypropylamino)-pyridin-2-yl]-carbamic acid ethyl ester;
- b) [8-(4-Diethylamino-1-methyl-butylamino)-2,3-diphenyl-pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazin-6-yl]-carbamic acid ethyl ester;
- c) (1-Amino-8-phenyl-6,7-dihydro-5H-2,5,9-triazabenzocyclohepten-3-yl)-carbamic acid ethyl ester;
- d) [2,3-Diphenyl-8-(4-sulfamoyl-benzylamino)-pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazin-6-yl]-carbamic acid ethyl ester;
- e) (5-Amino-3-butyl-2-methyl-1,2-dihydro-pyrido[3,4-b]pyrazin-7-yl)-carbamic acid ethyl ester;
- f) (5-Amino-2,3-diphenyl-2H-pyrido[4,3-b][1,4]oxazin-7-yl)-carbamic acid ethyl ester;
- g) (5-Ethoxy-2,3-diphenyl-pyrido[3,4-b]pyrazin-7-yl)-carbamic acid ethyl ester;
- h) (5-Amino-2,3-diphenyl-pyrido[3,4-b]pyrazin-7-yl)-carbamic acid ethyl ester;

- i) (5-Amino-3-{{(4-methoxy-phenyl)-methyl-amino]-methyl}-1,2-dihydro-pyrido[3,4-b]pyrazin-7-yl)-carbamic acid ethyl ester; or
- j) [5-Amino-3-(4-butylcarbamoyloxy-phenyl)-2-methyl-1,2-dihydro-pyrido[3,4-b]pyrazin-7-yl]-carbamic acid ethyl ester;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (Withdrawn) A method of killing a bacterium comprising contacting the bacterium with an effective amount of one or more compounds having the structure

The chemical structure shows a central carbon atom bonded to two double bonds labeled X_1 and X_2 , and two single bonds labeled S_2 and S_3 . One of the double bonds (X_1) is also bonded to a single bond labeled S_4 . To the left of the central carbon, there is a carbonyl group ($C=O$) and an amide group ($-NH-S_1-$).

wherein

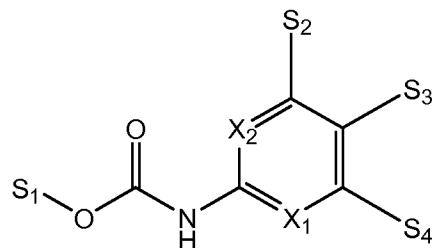
- a) X_1 and X_2 are CH or N, and at least one of X_1 and X_2 are N;
- b) S_1 is an organic radical comprising 1 to 8 carbon atoms;
- c) S_2 , S_3 , and S_4 are independently selected from hydrogen, amino, halogen, or one or more organic radicals comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms;
- d) or a salt thereof.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the bacterial infection is a gram positive bacterial infection.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, wherein the bacterial infection is selected from the group consisting of: *M. tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. typhimurium*, *M. bovis* strain BCG, BCG substrains, *M. avium*, *M. intracellulare*, *M. africanum*, *M. kansasii*, *M. marinum*, *M. ulcerans*, *M. avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Staphylococcus equi*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Listeria ivanovii*, *Bacillus anthracis*, *B. subtilis*, *Nocardia asteroides*, and other *Nocardia* species, *Streptococcus viridans*

group, *Peptococcus* species, *Peptostreptococcus* species, *Actinomyces israelii* and other *Actinomyces* species, and *Propionibacterium acnes*.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the bacterial infection is a gram negative bacterial infection.
25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 24, wherein the bacterial infection is selected from the group consisting of: *Clostridium tetani*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium botulinum*, other *Clostridium* species, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, other *Pseudomonas* species, *Campylobacter* species, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Ehrlichia* species, *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, *Pasteurella haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, other *Pasteurella* species, *Legionella pneumophila*, other *Legionella* species, *Salmonella typhi*, other *Salmonella* species, *Shigella* species *Brucella abortus*, other *Brucella* species, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Chlamydia psittaci*, *Coxiella burnetti*, *Escherichia coli*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoea*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*, other *Hemophilus* species, *Yersinia pestis*, *Yersinia enterolitica*, other *Yersinia* species, *Escherichia coli*, *E. hirae* and other *Escherichia* species, as well as other *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Brucella abortus* and other *Brucella* species, *Burkholderia cepacia*, *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Fusobacterium nucleatum*, *Protevella* species and *Cowdria ruminantium*.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the compound does not affect tubulin.
27. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting FtsZ polymerization in a bacterium comprising contacting the bacterium with an effective amount of one or more compounds having the structure:



wherein

- a) X_1 and X_2 are CH or N, and at least one of X_1 and X_2 are N;
- b) S_1 is an organic radical comprising 1 to 8 carbon atoms;
- c) S_2 is amino, halogen, hydroxyl, or an organic radical comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, monosubstituted amino, [[or]] and disubstituted amino;
- d) S_3 and S_4
 - (i) are independent substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen, amino, hydroxy, [[or]] and an organic radical comprising 1-26 carbon atoms, or
 - (ii) together form a heteroaryl or heterocyclic radical comprising 5, 6, or 7 ring atoms, optionally substituted with 1, 2, or three ring substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino, [[or]] and organic radicals comprising 1 to 12 carbon atoms

or a salt thereof.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the bacterium is gram Gram positive.

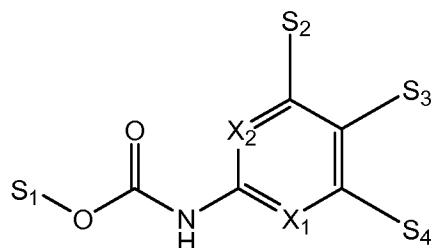
29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the gram Gram positive bacterium is selected from the group consisting of: [[M.]] *Mycobacterium (M.) tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. typhimurium*, *M. bovis* strain BCG, BCG substrains, *M. avium*, *M. intracellulare*, *M. africanum*, *M. kansasii*, *M. marinum*, *M. ulcerans*, *M. avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Staphylococcus equi*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Listeria ivanovii*, *Bacillus (B.) anthracis*, *B. subtilis*, *Nocardia asteroides*, and other *Nocardia* species, *Streptococcus viridans* group, *Peptococcus* species, *Peptostreptococcus* species, *Actinomyces israelii* and other *Actinomyces* species, and *Propionibacterium acnes*.

30. (Withdrawn—Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the bacterium is ~~gram~~ Gram negative.
31. (Withdrawn—Currently Amended) The method of claim 30, wherein the ~~gram~~ Gram negative bacterium is selected from the group consisting of: *Clostridium tetani*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium botulinum*, other *Clostridium* species, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, other *Pseudomonas* species, *Campylobacter* species, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Ehrlichia* species, *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, *Pasteurella haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, other *Pasteurella* species, *Legionella pneumophila*, other *Legionella* species, *Salmonella typhi*, other *Salmonella* species, *Shigella* species *Brucella abortus*, other *Brucella* species, *Chlamydi trachomatis*, *Chlamydia psittaci*, *Coxiella burnetti*, *Escherichia coli*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoea*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*, other *Hemophilus* species, *Yersinia pestis*, *Yersinia enterolitica*, other *Yersinia* species, *Escherichia coli*, *E. hirae* and other *Escherichia* species, as well as other *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Brucella abortus* and other *Brucella* species, *Burkholderia cepacia*, *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Fusobascterium nucleatum*, *Provetella* species and *Cowdria ruminantium*.
32. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the compound is linked to a permeability enhancer, wherein the permeability enhancer allows the compound to cross the cell envelope of the bacterium.
33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, wherein the permeability enhancer is selected from the group consisting of polymyxin B, surface active agents, defensins, other membrane active peptides and chelating agents.
34. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising contacting the bacterium with a permeability enhancer.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the permeability enhancer is selected from the group consisting of polymyxin B, surface active agents, defensins, other membrane active peptides and chelating agents.

36. (Withdrawn) A method of inhibiting bacterial growth comprising contacting a bacterium with an effective amount of a compound having the structure 4-[(6-Amino-2,3-diphenyl-pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazin-8-ylamino)-methyl]-N,N-diethyl-benzenesulfonamide.

37. (Withdrawn) A method of treating a subject with a bacterial infection, comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of one or more compounds having the structure:



wherein

- a) X₁ and X₂ are CH or N, and at least one of X₁ and X₂ are N;
- b) S₁ is an organic radical comprising 1 to 8 carbon atoms;
- c) S₂, S₃, and S₄ are independently selected from hydrogen, amino, halogen, or one or more organic radicals comprising 1 to 26 carbon atoms;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 37, wherein the bacterial infection is a gram positive bacterial infection.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38, wherein the bacterial infection is selected from the group consisting of: *M. tuberculosis*, *M. bovis*, *M. typhimurium*, *M. bovis* strain BCG, BCG substrains, *M. avium*, *M. intracellulare*, *M. africanum*, *M. kansasii*, *M. marinum*, *M. ulcerans*, *M. avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Staphylococcus equi*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Listeria ivanovii*, *Bacillus anthracis*,

B. subtilis, *Nocardia asteroides*, and other *Nocardia* species, *Streptococcus viridans* group, *Peptococcus* species, *Peptostreptococcus* species, *Actinomyces israelii* and other *Actinomyces* species, and *Propionibacterium acnes*.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 37, wherein the bacterial infection is a gram negative bacterial infection.
41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40, wherein the bacterial infection is selected from the group consisting of: *Clostridium tetani*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Clostridium botulinum*, other *Clostridium* species, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, other *Pseudomonas* species, *Campylobacter* species, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Ehrlichia* species, *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, *Pasteurella haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, other *Pasteurella* species, *Legionella pneumophila*, other *Legionella* species, *Salmonella typhi*, other *Salmonella* species, *Shigella* species *Brucella abortus*, other *Brucella* species, *Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Chlamydia psittaci*, *Coxiella burnetti*, *Escherichia coli*, *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoea*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Haemophilus ducreyi*, other *Hemophilus* species, *Yersinia pestis*, *Yersinia enterolitica*, other *Yersinia* species, *Escherichia coli*, *E. hirae* and other *Escherichia* species, as well as other *Enterobacteriaceae*, *Brucella abortus* and other *Brucella* species, *Burkholderia cepacia*, *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, *Francisella tularensis*, *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Fusobacterium nucleatum*, *Protevella* species and *Cowdria ruminantium*.
42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 37, wherein the compound does not inhibit tubulin polymerization.